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FLORIDA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULTING
FLIGHT ATTENDANT ON MANCHESTER BOUND FLIGHT

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Boston Field Office Kenneth W. Kaiser, Director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration Raymond A. Carolan, and Rockingham County Sheriff J. Daniel Linehan, report that 41-year-old Roger Dare Slaalien, Jr., of Longwood, Florida, pleaded guilty today to assaulting a Southwest Airlines flight attendant last August.

Slaalien was charged with two counts of simple assault for grabbing a flight attendant's buttocks and touching her leg in an offensive manner on a Southwest Airlines flight from Orlando, Florida to Manchester, New Hampshire on August 18, 2004. No passengers or flight crew members were injured in the incident. Slaalien was arrested by FBI agents, TSA agents, and Rockingham County Sheriff's Deputies at the Manchester Airport upon the plane's arrival.

After accepting Slaalien's guilty pleas today, United States District Court Chief Judge Steven J. McAuliffe scheduled a sentencing hearing for September, 23, 2005. Slaalien faces total prison sentences of up to 12 months and total fines of up to \$10,000.00.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.